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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 20 August 1992 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

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Annex

Letter dated 20 August 1992 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency addressed to the Secretary-General

I have read the letter dated 5 August 1992 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iraq, Ambassador Al-Anbari, and circulated to the Security Council in document S/24384. This letter contains statements regarding David A. Kay, a former Agency staff member who participated in three Agency inspection missions to Iraq under United Nations Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

In the third paragraph of this letter, Ambassador Al-Anbari states that: "When his true functions could no longer be concealed, David Kay was dismissed by IAEA in a dramatic manner." I feel it my duty to inform you that no such thing happened. Mr. Kay was not dismissed by the Agency. Mr. Kay left the Agency on 15 January 1992 completely of his own accord to become Secretary-General of the Uranium Institute, a London-based association concerned with peaceful uses of nuclear energy - a post which Mr. Kay had applied for well before September 1991, when his name attracted world-wide media attention in the Baghdad parking lot incident during the sixth IAEA inspection mission in Iraq.

Mr. Kay joined IAEA on 6 June 1983 as head of the Evaluation Section of the Department of Technical Cooperation, a position he held without interruption until April 1991, when he was appointed Deputy Leader of the Action Team established by the Agency to fulfil the mandate laid upon the Agency by Security Council resolution 687 (1991). Weeks before his separation from the Agency, Mr. Kay received the Agency Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of his outstanding performance during the whole of his service with the Agency as an international civil servant.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hans BLIX